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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 3230

STATE FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. I SAW DENKTASH EVENING DEC 10 AS SCHEDULED. AS A RESULT
OF OUR CONVERSATION I BELIEVE THERE MAY BE A CHANCE OF CON-
CLUDING AN AGREEMENT IN TIME TO AVOID DEC 12 THIRD COMMITTEE
DEBATE.

2. DENKTASH WAS JUST CONCLUDING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH CEHLIK AS I ENTERED. ACCORDING TO CHELIK'S REPORTING,
THE SWAP WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK, IN HIS
VIEW, HAD BEEN TURKISH ACCEPTANCE OF NEW PARA 12 LANGUAGE
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(PARA 1B OF STATE 291099) IN EXCHANGE FOR GREEK CYPRIOT
ACCEPTANCE OF DENKTASH'S "DEFINITION OF CONSENSUS" IN
PARA 1 OF SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE OF UNDERSTANDING (PARA 4 REF B),
NOT REPEAT NOT CHRISTOPHIDES' REWORKING OF THAT DEFINITION
(PARA 5 REF C). DENKTASH SAID THE CHRISTOPHIDES
REWORKING WAS WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE.

3. WE THEN TURNED TO POSSIBILITY OF EMBASSY CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE ON PARA 12 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ONE (PARA 3 REF D). DENKTASH AT FIRST REPEATED HIS REJECTION OF DEC 8 (REF E). HE POINTED OUT THAT WITH BOTH GOT AND HIS OWN CABINET HE HAD SOLD HIS CONVICTION THAT NOWHERE IN THE WORKING PAPERS OR SUPPLEMENTARY UNDERSTANDING COULD THERE BE ANY REFERENCE TO MAJORITY DECISION. DENKTASH COMMENTED THAT I WAS ASKING HIM TO REVERSE THE POSITION HE HAD TAKEN WITH OTHERS, AND TO DO SO BEFORE MONDAY. ON THAT DAY HE HAS OUT-OF-TOWN COMMITMENTS AND CABINET COULD NOT POSSIBLY MEET BEFORE THEN.

4. OUR CONVERSATION CONTINUED FOR SOME TIME, WITH MY GOING BACK OVER ALL THE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE TURKS PUTTING THEMSELVES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF WORLD OPINION AND ENABLING THEIR FRIENDS TO HELP THEM. I MENTIONED THAT AS THE ARCHITECT OF THIS ARGUMENT, USG WOULD HAVE AN IMPLIED OBLIGATION TO SERVE AS ITS MORAL OVERSEER. OUR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE PROTECTED BASIC TURKISH CYPRIOT CONCERNS. OUR FORMULATION OF PARA 12 GAVE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TWO-TIERED PROTECTION. THE NEW FINAL SENTENCE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PARA 1 (PARA 5 REF F) WAS A SAFE-GUARD AGAINST ABUSE OF MAJORITY DECISION-MAKING. DENKTASH ASKED IF THIS SIMPLE SENTENCE WAS THE ONLY ELEMENT CHRISTOPHIDES HAD NOT ACCEPTED AND I CONFIRMED

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THIS.

5. DENKTASH REMAINED SILENT FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. AT LENGTH HE SAID HE WOULD DO SOME TELEPHONING THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW MORNING TO KEY MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET (AND I AM SURE TO TURKISH EMBASSY AND MAINLAND MILITARY COMMANDER) AND WOULD CALL ME SOME TIME DEC. 11.

6. I LEFT WITH THE FEELING THAT DENKTASH IS JUST ABOUT WITH US.

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